

(ii) The Department may issue an authorization to engage in any of those activities upon receiving a complete application and payment of fees.]

(g) (1) [Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Department may not issue an authorization for any activity under subsection (d)(2)(ii)1 or 2 of this section:

(i) Unless the total number issued for that type of activity is less than the number of authorizations which the Department determines is appropriate for the resource and consistent with fishery management plans adopted under § 4-215 of this title; and

(ii) Until it has adopted regulations stating the number of people who may be authorized to engage in each fishing activity.

(2) The] NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, THE Department may issue an [authorization] APPRENTICESHIP PERMIT for any activity under subsection (d)(2)(ii)1 or 2 of this section to a person who CURRENTLY RESIDES AND has resided for at least 5 years on an island in the State that is at least 3 miles from the mainland.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SET BY REGULATION TARGETS FOR THE NUMBER OF TIDAL FISH LICENSE AUTHORIZATIONS UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(2)(II) OF THIS SECTION TO BE THE NUMBER ISSUED BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1, 1998 AND MARCH 31, 1999. THE DEPARTMENT MAY MODIFY BY REGULATION THE TARGET NUMBER OF AUTHORIZATIONS BASED ON:

[(3) In determining the number of people who may be authorized to participate in each activity, the Department shall consider:]

(i) Recommendations of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission;

(ii) Recommendations of fishery management plans adopted by the Department, the Chesapeake Bay Program, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council, or any other appropriate management body;

(iii) The number of people historically participating; and

(iv) Target species, size, number, weight, incidental catch, total biomass, annual harvest, mortality rates, and other factors which are necessary and appropriate.

[(4)] (3) (i) The Department shall by regulation limit the total number of authorizations to fish for striped bass [under any commercial license to the number of persons who, based on the best information available to the Department, were authorized to fish for striped bass between September 1, 1993 and April 1, 1994] TO 1,231 PARTICIPANTS IN THE COMMERCIAL FISHERY AND 499 PARTICIPANTS IN THE CHARTER BOAT FISHERY.